

# Nebraska Library Commission



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## Nebraska Library Commission 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarship Program

**To apply for an initial scholarship for a particular degree, submit the materials listed below:**

Only complete applications will be reviewed. All applications are confidential. Information will not be shared with any other organizations or individuals except as required by state or federal laws. All application materials will be kept on file at the Nebraska Library Commission.

**1) Application Form**

**2) Resume**

Submit your resume (no longer than 2 pages) including academic and work history and contact information for places of employment.

**3) Statement of Academic Intent**

List the degree program(s) to which you have applied or been accepted and write a paragraph on the studies you plan to undertake. *Proof of acceptance, such as a copy of a letter of acceptance, and verification of course registration will be required before funds will be disbursed.*

**4) Statement of Professional Intent**

In a statement of between 500 and 750 words, discuss your professional experiences, aspirations, and goals. Some questions you may want to consider are:

- What is the single most significant thing you want the Nebraska Library Commission to know about you when considering your scholarship application?
- Why have you selected librarianship as a profession?
- Why will you be a good librarian?
- How will one important trend in libraries today impact your library career?
- In what civic and/or campus activities and/or community service organizations have you participated in the recent past?

**5) Letters of Support**

Request three persons to each write a letter of support for your academic and professional pursuits. References may be a professor, principal, librarian, community leader, employer, etc. who is familiar with your professional qualifications and ability to complete a degree program. Ask them to send the letters directly to the Nebraska Library Commission 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarship Program. *We recommend that you provide each reference with a stamped envelope, pre-addressed to the Nebraska Library Commission 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarship Program.*

**6) List of Persons sending Letters of Support**

Include the list of individuals, with their contact information, that you have asked to send a letter of support.

**7) Signed Agreement** (*Must have an original signature*)

**Send the complete application packet, including the Application Form, Resume, Statement of Academic Intent, Statement of Professional Intent, List of Persons Sending Letters of Support, and the Signed Agreement, to:**

Nebraska Library Commission  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarship Program  
c/o Mary Jo Ryan  
1200 N Street, Suite 120  
Lincoln, NE 68508-2023  
mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us

## Application Form

I am applying for my first 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarship (*check one*)

- ☐ Bachelor's Degree Scholarship Program
- ☐ Master of Education in School Library Media Scholarship Program
- ☐ Master of Library and/or Information Science Scholarship Program

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: (*required*) \_\_\_\_\_

I am seeking scholarship funding for: (*check all that apply*)

- ☐ Summer Semester/Quarter
- ☐ Fall Semester/Quarter
- ☐ Winter Semester/Quarter
- ☐ Spring Semester/Quarter

- ☐ Check this box to request a waiver of the residency requirement if you work full-time in a Nebraska library or school.

Name and location of college or university you plan to attend or are attending \_\_\_\_\_

When did you start or plan to start your degree program? \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

When do you anticipate completion of your degree program? \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)

Do you currently work in a library or school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which library or school and where? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your position there? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, have you ever worked in a library or school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which library or school and where? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your position there? \_\_\_\_\_

In what library or school position do you want to work after completing your degrees?

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\_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship amount \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

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### Agreement\*

I have read and accept the following application conditions:

- I am currently a Nebraska resident.\*\*
- I will provide copies of course registration, a course plan, and a projected timeline for completion of my degree program.
- Upon request, I will provide authorization for my educational records to be released to the Nebraska Library Commission.
- I will be enrolled at least half-time in a degree program concentrating in Library Science or School Library Media from an accredited college or university. Course registration must be verified before funds are disbursed.
- I agree that scholarship funds will be used to pay only for tuition, course-related materials, and fees.
- I agree that scholarship funds not expended after 2 years from the scholarship award will no longer be available to me.
- After obtaining a degree, I will seek employment in a Nebraska public, school, institutional, tribal, or special library in a librarian position and, if employed, work for at least 12 months.
- After obtaining a degree, I will be willing to serve as a formal library mentor for 12 months as part of the Nebraska Library Commission's mentoring program.
- I agree to participate in mentoring activities and to be paired with a mentor or choose a mentor for advice in educational and career development. I agree to participate in least one mentoring training session during the year for which the scholarship is awarded.
- I will be available for follow-up interviews by the Nebraska Library Commission for scholarship program evaluation.
- I understand my application materials will be kept on file at the Nebraska Library Commission, will be confidential, and will not be shared with any other organizations or individuals except as may be required by state or federal laws.
- I understand that incomplete applications will not be reviewed until all materials are received.
- I certify that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Printed Name of Applicant

\*This agreement must be submitted on paper with original signature, and delivered by postal mail or in person.

\*\*Applicant may request a waiver of the residency requirement if they are currently employed full-time in a Nebraska library or school.

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21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Scholarship Program  
Survey**

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**This information will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of our recruitment efforts.**

*Your response to this survey is voluntary and will not affect your application. Your name will not be associated with this information. Please help us by completing this voluntary questionnaire.*

**A) Gender**

☐ Male ☐ Female

**B) Age**

☐ 19 or less    ☐ 20-29    ☐ 30-39    ☐ 40-49    ☐ 50-59    ☐ 60-69    ☐ 70 or over

**C) Highest Level of Education**

<input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate/or GED	<input type="checkbox"/> M.A., M.S., or professional similar degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Post High School, Vocational or Business School	<input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D., J.D., L.L.B. or similar professional degree
<input type="checkbox"/> College, less than B.A. or B.S. degree	<input type="checkbox"/> M.D. or similar professional degree
<input type="checkbox"/> B.A., B.S. or similar degree	

**D) Of which Racial/Ethnic group do you consider yourself a member?**

<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black, non-Hispanic origin
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> White, non-Hispanic origin
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	

**E) For which Nebraska Library Commission scholarship program are you applying?**

☐ Master of Library and/or Information Science  
☐ Master of Education in School Library Media  
☐ Bachelor's Degree  
☐ Library Technical Assistant (LTA)

**F) How did you hear about this scholarship program?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska Library Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment PSA at a Movie Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska Library Commission Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment PSA and informational DVD
<input type="checkbox"/> Now Hiring at Your Library Website	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Counselor/Academic Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper/or Periodical	<input type="checkbox"/> College Counselor/Academic Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Job Fair (which one?) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Library (where?) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer and/or other printed material	